TO THE

CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

OF THE

MONMOUTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to hand you my usual yearly report. The area of your district is 56,506 acres, and the population estimated to the middle of the year 6,617. The number of births registered during the year is 158, as against 177 the year before, giving a birth rate of 23.87, compared with 25.54 last year. The deaths are 82, compared with 97 of last year, giving a death rate of 12.39, (a very low one), as against 14.54 of the previous one. It will be seen therefore that both the births and the death rates have decreased, when compared with the year before.

During the year there has been 30 cases of infectious disease, 29 of which were notified to me in accordance with the provisions of the Infectious Diseases Notification Acts. The one that was not notified occurred at Raglan, and only came to my knowledge on going through the returns of deaths. Of the 30 cases 28 were diptheria, 1 scarlet fever, and 1 erysipelas. Of the cases of diptheria, 9 were fatal. I have already made you a special report on these cases, in which I showed that they occurred in 9 different households, and with the case since discovered, 10 different households, some of which were undoubtedly carried from one house to another. In other cases no cause after a most careful investigation could be found for the outbreak, and as in some cases the disease did not spread though there were young children in the same house.

I very much question whether the specific bacillus of the disease would have been found on microscopical examination. There has been one death from measles during the year.

The question of Raglan drainage has again been prominently before you during the year. The main difficulty, your committee has had to deal with, being the opposition they have met with from various owners of property. So acute has that opposition become recently that it became impossible to proceed further on the lines intended. It was therefore decided to call in engineering advice, and adopt a regular system of drainage and sewage disposal for the whole village, which I feel sure will in the end prove much the most satisfactory course.

Since my last report water has been laid on to Norton school. I cannot however say that the supply is very satisfactory, as it is very little better than a dribble, the time taken to fill a single can being considerable, and when it is used for drinking purposes has to be filtered through muslin to get rid of a quantity of suspended matter.

Nothing has been done in the case of Penallt Llanvihangel and Rockfield schools mentioned in my last report. The water supply at Wonastow school also remains as it was, causing great inconvenience in dry weather, owing to the water having to be carried a long distance up a steep hill.

I would also report that nothing has been done to prevent the closets belonging to the houses on the river bank at Rockfield discharging into the river.

I am glad to say that during the year water has been brought to the village of Llanfogo from Cleddon, in pipes thus preventing its pollution and giving general satisfaction in the village.

In the Spring you provided me with one of Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co.'s water analysis cases which I have used on several occasions to examine samples of water brought to me.

I append the usual tables required by the Local Government Board.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. GRANT WILSON, D.P.H., CAMB.

January, 1899.

(A)

TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1898, in the MONMOUTH RURAL DISTRICT, classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these statistics; public Institutions being shown as separate localities.	Mortality from all causes at subjoined Ages.							Mortality from subjoined causes, distinguishing Deaths of Children under Five Years of Age.																				
													Fevers.															
	At all ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and upwards		Smallpox	Scarlatina	Diphtheria	Membranous Croup	Typhus	Enteric or Typhoid	Continued	Relapsing	Puerperal	Cholera	Erysipelas	Measles	Whooping Cough	Diarrhœa and Dysentery	Rheumatic Fever	Phthisis	Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy	Heart Disease		Injuries	All other Diseases	Total
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Dixton, Rockfield St. Maughans Skenfrith	11			2		4	5	Under 5																						
								5 upw'ds			1															2			8	11
Cwmcarvan Llangoven Llanishen, Penallt Pen-y-clawdd Trelleck, Llandogo Mitchel Troy	28	1	3		5	3	16	Under 5												1					1				2	4
								5 upw'ds																1	6	4			13	24
Dingestow Llandenny Raglan Par-grace-dieu Llangattock Llantilio Penrose, Tregare Wonastow	43	5	3	4	4	12	15	Under 5			3														1				4	8
								5 upw'ds			5													2	8	5			15	35
TOTAL	82	6	6	6	9	19	36	Under 5			3									1					2				6	12
								5 upw'ds			6													3	14	11			36	70

(B) TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of NEW CASES of INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the year 1898, in the Monmouth Rural District, classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

Names of Localities adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public Institutions being shown as separate localities.	Population at all Ages.		Registered Births.	Aged under 5 or over 5.	New Cases of Sickness in each Locality, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health													Number of such Cases Removed from their Homes in the several Localities for Treatment in Isolation Hospital.												
									Fevers													Fevers.							
	Last Census,	Estimated to middle of 1898.			Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal	Cholera	Erysipelas			Smallpox	Scarlatina	Diphtheria	Membranous Croup	Typhus	Enteric or Typhoid	Continued	Relapsing	Puerperal	Cholera	Erysipelas		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Dixton, Rockfield St. Maughans Skenfrith	102 9	936	26	Under 5			.....																							
				5 upw'ds			4																							
Cwmcarvan Llangoven Llanishen, Penallt Pen-y-clawd Trelleck Llandogo Mitchel Troy	2707	3536	62	Under 5			3																							
				5 upw'ds		1	3																							
Dingestow Llandenny Raglan Par-grace-dieu Llangattock Llantilio Penrose, Tregare Wonastow	3199	3145	70	Under 5			.....								.....															
				5 upw'ds			17								1															
Totals ...	6935	6617	158	Under 5			3								.....															
				5 upw'ds		1	24								1															